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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I avidly support the Microsoft Corporation and have so for many years. Thus, the federal case against Microsoft over antitrust laws met me with trepidation. I do not believe that the federal government was justified in enacting the outdated antitrust laws against Microsoft. Despite this, however, the settlement that was reached in November is suitable in that it ends the negotiation process.

Microsoft has made many concessions in an attempt to end this process. Microsoft has agreed to disclose much of the internal information regarding the design of Windows. Microsoft has agreed to disclose both the protocols and the design interfaces of the Windows system to its competitors on reasonable grounds. Now Microsoft competitors can access this information when designing software. The software designed from information sharing should result in products that are compatible.

Microsoft has done enough. They have complied with all the terms of the federal government. I believe it is time to put this issue to rest once and for all.

Sincerely.

Wynn Courtney